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TAGS: PFOR GR US ASEC

SUBJ: PRESS ATTENTION ON MARINE INCIDENT

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1. INCIDENT INVOLVING EMBASSY MARINE GUARD WITH GREEK
MINOR CONTINUED NEWS ITEM ON FRONTPAGE OR MAIN NEWS PAGE OF
MOST ATHENS DAILIES JANUARY 3, ALTHOUGH TWO PAPERS REDUCED
COVERAGE. MAJOR THEME FEEDING TODAY'S PRESS INTEREST IS
SPECULATION ON EXTRATERRITORIALITY WITH PRESS ASSUMPTION
THAT IT WILL APPLY TO THIS CASE AND THE ACCUSED, WHO IS NOW
GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE "SATYR", WILL THEREBY ESCAPE
JUSTICE.

2. THE SUBJECT OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY ALSO PROVOKED
EDITORIAL COMMENT IN FIVE A.M. PAPERS ALL OF WHICH WERE
CRITICAL OF PRACTICE OF IMMUNITY IN GENERAL AS WELL
AS IN THE CASE AT HAND. COMMUNIST RIZOSPASTIS MADE
SHARPEST POLITICAL ATTACK, CLAIMING THAT CURRENT
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INCIDENT PROVED CARAMANLIS WAS NOT TELLING TRUTH WHEN

HE ASSERTED GREECE'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE AND THAT "BECAUSE OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY WE CANNOT BE ASSURED OF THE SAFETY OF OUR BABIES". TO VIMA COMMENTED THAT CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF U.S. FORCES EXCEEDING NORMAL INCIDENTS OF CRIMINAL NATURE AND RAISED QUESTION OF PROPRIETY OF AMERICAN EMBASSY BEING GUARDED BY NON-GREEKS.

3. COMMENT: FROM SAMPLING OF EDITORIALS IT IS CLEAR THAT TOPIC OF LEGAL IMMUNITY, OR EXTRATERRITORIALITY AS GREEKS GENERALLY INSIST ON CALLING IT, IS NOT UNDERSTOOD BY EDITORS WHO CONFUSE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY WITH UMS. FORCES' PRIMARY EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION WHEN U.S. SERVICEMEN ACCUSED OF VIOLATING GREEK LAW WHILE IN DUTY STATUS. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS CONFUSION WILL DISSIPATE. KUBISCH

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